



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Eric Hengstenberg

SERIAL NO.: 10/648,997

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**TITLE: RETRACTABLE FACE SAFETY
FOR A FIREARM**

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION DATED February 18, 2005

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Communication dated February 18, 2005, in which the Examiner states that the replacement sheet for Figure 2 was not appropriately labeled as a "replacement sheet." Applicant has enclosed the appropriately labeled sheet and the revised amendment which was filed on January 26, 2005. A check in the amount of \$55.00 was previously sent in payment of the extension fee under CFR §1.17(a)(1) when the amendment was filed on October 7, 2004. The Examiner is authorized to withdraw any additional fees from Deposit Account No. 501305.

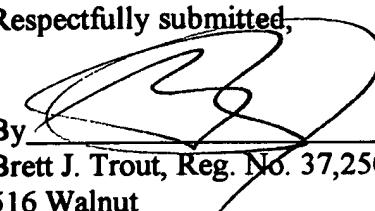
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the response filed October 7, 2004, now revised to comply with the applicable rules, be accepted and made a part of the application.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 9 day of March, 2005, with adequate postage affixed thereto.

The application has been amended to correct minor informalities so as to place the application, as a whole, into a prima facie condition for allowance. Great care has been taken to avoid the introduction of new subject matter into the application as the result of the foregoing modifications.

Respectfully submitted,

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